

CSWC Operational Period Summary

1800 March 4 2015 to 0600 March 5 2015



Lupine Hill, Santa Monica Mountains – March 2, 2015

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SITUATION SUMMARY

Significant Events – National

Ferguson Police Tainted by Bias, Justice Department Says

(NY Times) The Justice Department on Wednesday called on Ferguson, Mo., to overhaul its criminal justice system, declaring that the city had engaged in so many constitutional violations that they could be corrected only by abandoning its entire approach to policing, retraining its employees and establishing new oversight. In one example after another, the report described a city that used its police and courts as moneymaking ventures, a place where officers stopped and handcuffed people without probable cause, hurled racial slurs, used stun guns without provocation, and treated anyone as suspicious merely for questioning police tactics. The report gave credence to many of the grievances aired last year by African-Americans in angry, sometimes violent protests after the deadly police shooting of Michael Brown, an unarmed black 18-year-old. Though the Justice Department separately concluded that the officer, Darren Wilson, who is white, violated no federal laws in that shooting, Attorney General Eric H. Holder Jr. said investigations revealed the root of the rage that brought people into the streets.

Crashes at railroad crossings prompt new safety effort

(Sacramento Bee) Recent deadly railroad-crossing crashes have sparked interest among lawmakers and regulators in improving safety conditions where highways and rail lines intersect. Since the beginning of February, seven people have died and scores more have been injured in crashes between commuter trains and motor vehicles. While the number of injuries and fatalities in railroad crossing accidents has fallen by half in the past two decades, 250 people still died and 929 were injured in 2,087 collisions in 2013, the most recent year of complete federal government statistics. “The reality is that while the overall number of deaths and injuries from grade crossing incidents has come down significantly over the last two decades, this remains a serious problem,” Sarah Feinberg, acting chief of the Federal Railroad Administration, said in a statement.

SITUATION SUMMARY

Significant Events – International

Iranian 'operation' in Yemen frees kidnapped diplomat

(BBC News) An Iranian diplomat held hostage in Yemen for more than 18 months has been freed following an intelligence operation, Iranian state media say. Nour Ahmad Nikbakht was greeted by officials and tearful relatives at Tehran's Mehrabad Airport on Thursday. It was not immediately clear if Mr Nikbakht was freed in an armed raid. A deputy foreign minister only said that he had been rescued "from the clutches of terrorists in a series of complex and difficult operations". Mr Nikbakht is the second high-profile hostage to be freed in Yemen in a week. Saudi diplomat Abdullah al-Khalidi was released on Monday after being held by al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP) since March 2012.

South Korea US envoy Lippert 'well' after knife attack

(CNN News) A militant Korean nationalist has slashed the face of the US ambassador to South Korea at a breakfast meeting in Seoul, but the envoy was not seriously hurt. Mark Lippert, 42, was also cut on his left hand, with blood spattered over the breakfast table. Security officers subdued the attacker, one pinning him down with a shoe on his neck, until he was arrested. North Korea has described the attack as "just punishment for US warmongers". The North's Korean Central News Agency (KCNA) said he had delivered a "knife shower of justice".

SITUATION SUMMARY

Weather of Concern

- No significant Weather Watches or Warnings are in effect.

Active Weather Warnings, Watches and Advisories by County: http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/sto/brief/www_bc_cal.php

El Niño Advisory Issuance

Effective today Thursday, March 5th, the NOAA Climate Prediction Center (CPC) upgraded the El Niño watch to an Advisory. Simply put, this means the atmosphere has coupled with the warm ocean waters of the equatorial Pacific and has met criteria for an El Niño event to be declared. This particular El Niño event formed very late and is weak in strength.

Even if a couple of wet storms move through California this spring, there won't be nearly enough precipitation to impact the overall drought situation.

Individual storms and precipitation amounts related to this El Niño will be episodic at best; essentially, there is no predictability for California precipitation during a weak spring El Niño event. In other words, there is no relationship/correlation between enhanced precipitation in CA and a weak El Niño event.

Even if we end up with several wet storms over the next month, they will likely be warmer storms with high snow levels.

As far as water storage, the snowpack across the Sierra Nevada is dismal, at best, and remains below 20% statewide.

Full Report HERE: http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/analysis_monitoring/enso_advisory/ensodisc.pdf

Cal EOC Incident – 2014 Drought

- SOC / Inland REOC remains activated in support of 2014 Drought

WEATHER

WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AND CENTRAL COASTAL AREAS:

Eureka Weather:

High pressure will persist over northwest California through early next week bringing dry conditions and a gradual warmup through this coming weekend. Overnight low temperatures will remain cool with frost developing in some areas of northwest California through late week.

Medford Weather:

The large scale ridge currently over the pacific northwest will remain in place for several more days. Expect dry conditions to continue with a gradual warming trend inland.

Reno Weather:

High pressure will remain over the west into the start of next week, continuing the warming trend with very dry conditions. Low pressure may reach the California coast with precipitation possible by the middle of next week.

San Francisco Weather:

High pressure building across the west coast will maintain dry weather conditions and above average temperatures through the upcoming weekend. A change in the weather pattern will then bring a storm system and associated precipitation chances to the region by the middle of next week.



WEATHER

WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA AND SOUTHERN SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY

Sacramento Weather:

Fair and very warm weather will continue through early next week under strong high pressure over the western U.S. Daytime highs over the weekend 10 to 15 degrees above normal. Temperatures returning to closer to normal by the middle of next week with possible return of wetter pattern.

Hanford Weather:

High pressure will continue to build over California through the weekend resulting in a warming trend and dry weather into at least the first part of next week.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:

Los Angeles Weather:

High pressure will build in over the region through the weekend bringing warmer temperatures and mostly clear skies into early next week. There is a slight chance of more rain beginning next Wednesday.

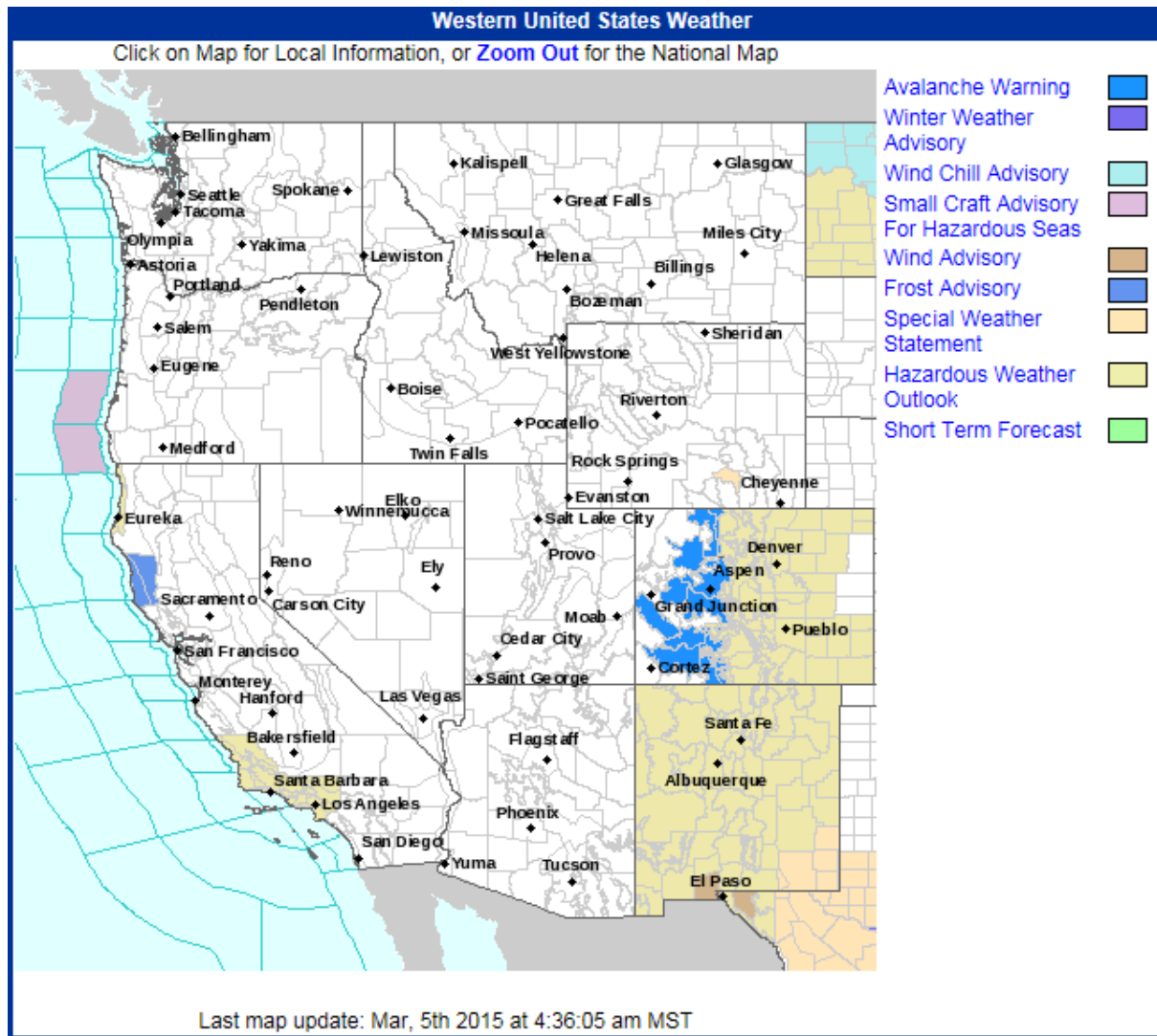
Extreme Southwestern California Including Orange, San Diego, Western Riverside and Southwestern San Bernardino Counties:

Fair skies and dry weather will prevail through Tuesday. Temperatures will continue to trend up over southwest California as a ridge builds along the coast and offshore winds develop. Afternoon high temperatures will peak at 10-16 degrees above normal over the weekend. Offshore winds will peak Friday morning with gusts around 50 mph for the windier mountain and valley locations.

Southeast California Weather:

A ridge of high pressure along the west coast will bring dry and mild weather conditions to the area through early next week.

STATE WEATHER MAP



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FIRE ACTIVITY



Preparedness Levels

National Preparedness Level 1

Northern California

Preparedness Level 1, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 1

Southern California

Preparedness Level 2, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 2

California Fire Potential & Weather Maps

Southern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential

<http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/8>

Northern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential

<http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/10>

California Fire Weather Map Watches and Warnings

<http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/firewx/main.php>

NWS California River Forecast Center:

<http://www.cnrfc.noaa.gov/>

RECOVERY ACTIVITIES

Round Fire, Inyo and Mono Counties

- Recovery Individual Assistance continues to work with Mono County on the Initial Damage Estimate.
- Charles Rabamad and Sean Smith have deployed to Mono County to assist the County with Recovery for the Round Fire event.
- Southern Region staff (Karla Benedicto, Doug Huls and Mona Bontty) are attending the Inyo Disaster Council meeting at 1000 today. At 1300 Cal OES staff have a meeting/site tour with Mono County Sheriff, CAO and Board of Supervisors to tour the Round Fire burn site.
- The American Red Cross and Salvation Army continue to offer their support services.

CAL OES 2014 DROUGHT

Cal EOC Incident – 2014 Drought

- The SOC, Inland, Coastal, and Southern REOCs and the Santa Barbara County EOC are activated in support of the Drought State of Emergency and continue to monitor the situation.
- The Governor issued an Executive Order on 09/19/14, to streamline relief efforts for families with drinking water shortages due to drought. Specifically, through the California Disaster Assistance Act, to provide temporary water supplies to households without water for drinking and/or sanitation purposes.
- CDAA 2014 Drought Fact Sheet and Frequently Asked Questions provided to Regions for reference and distribution.
- Cal OES Recovery continues to coordinate a biweekly state interagency conference call regarding drought community impacts.
- Regional (Inland, Coastal, Southern) conference calls will occur once a month beginning 02/09/15.

CAL OES MISSIONS

Cal OES Missions – New

- **2015-LAW-8853, 03/04/2015, 2108 hours,** San Diego County Sheriff's Department (SDSD) is requesting K-9 from Riverside County to assist in SAR for a missing 8 year old female last seen at 1430 hours in her front yard in the City of Oceanside. Cal OES LDO is coordinating resources.



Mission:

We protect lives and property, build capabilities, and support our communities for a resilient California.

We achieve our mission by serving the public through effective collaboration in preparing for, protecting against, responding to, recovering from, and mitigating the impacts of all hazards and threats.